

REMARKS

Claims 1-39, 41-66, and 68-77 are currently pending in the present application, with Claim 5, 28, 31, 41 and 64 being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the previous amendment of Claim 16 for reasons informality. Claim 16 is currently reproduced in its entirety as a part of the complete listing of the claim. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 16, as currently recited, is compliant with formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 28, 34, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter in that the recited invention do not provide a tangible result. Applicant has amended the rejected claims to further clarify the subject matter claimed, and respectfully submits that the claims as amended are compliant with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claim 64 had been amended to correct a minor typographical error.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submit that all of the pending claims in the present reissue application are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested, and an early allowance is solicited. If the Examiner feels that it would advance the prosecution of the application, it is respectfully requested that he telephone the undersign attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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